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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, April 13, 2009 in Room, 372 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. She welcomed Veda Ward, Ph.D. newly appointed Commissioner by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Third District. Commissioner Ward briefly spoke of her background and expressed her excitement to be a part of the Commission. Treasurer Freeman suggested sending a thank you letter to Supervisor Yaroslavsky for the new commission appointment, copying each Commissioner.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Duba
Vice President Tanberg
Treasurer Freeman
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Lesser
Commissioner Rodriguez
Commissioner Ward

Introduction of audience followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2008

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the minutes of March 9, 2009 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duba reported the following:

- On March 11, 2009, she met with Nadia Aquino, Morgan Stanley, Lancaster, presenting her with a five signature scroll for sponsoring the 5K Run/Walk for the past 10 years.

MEMBERS

Reiko Duba
President

Bobbi Jean Tanberg
Vice President

Peggy Freeman
Treasurer

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.
Karin Davalos
Norma L. Gallegos
Wadie M. Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Charlotte Lesser
Julie McCarthy Napoleon
Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq.
Michelle Pinedo
Olivia G. Rodriguez
Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

- On March 16, 2009, the Commission held its 24th Annual *Women of the Year* Awards luncheon. President Duba thanked Commissioner Gravely, the Committee and staff for their hard work and dedication in planning a successful event.
- She met with Judy Cooperberg, Director, Mental Health America of Los Angeles in Lancaster on March 20, 2009 to discuss the Fifth District Town Hall meeting.
- On April 9, 2009, she attended Ethics training at the Hall of Administration.
- Following the July 13, 2009 Commission meeting, the Commission will have its mini retreat at Our Lady of Angels Cathedral from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Chaired by Treasurer Freeman.

- Shared a letter from Betty Rosenstein, Former Fourth District Commissioner, who recently donated \$10,000 toward \$1,000 scholarships for selected Probation Department youth to attend college. President Duba asked staff to share information with the Camp Scott scholarship recipients and Commissioner Becerra-Jones.
- The Commission is invited to partner with Office of Women's Health by donating \$2,000 to \$5,000 towards the printing and distribution of there 2009 Annual Report *Women in Poverty*. This item will be placed the next agenda for approval. The Fifth District Town Hall Community Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Mental Health America of Los Angeles in Lancaster. President Duba encouraged Commissioners to carpool. President Duba, Treasurer Freeman and Commissioners Becerra-Jones, Gravely, Lesser and Ward will be in attendance. May 11, 2009 Commission meeting has been canceled.
- On April 22, 2009 is Denim Day in L.A.
- Domestic Violence Panel discussion will be held on April 23, 2009 in Room 830 from 10 am to 12 pm.
- On June 8, 2009 is the Committee Reports Presentation will host lunch in appreciation to the work of its committee members.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- Reminded Commissioners of online Ethics Training, it can also be taken in the Executive Office Customer Service Center with the assistance of Norma Duran, Human Resources.
- Commissioner Jernigan requested staff to order the 2009 California Roster. Please let staff know if you are interested in receiving the Roster. Commissioner Creary requested a copy.
- March of Dimes Walk on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Exposition Park.
- The 11th Annual Denim Day in LA on April 22, 2009.

- American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers for there upcoming events.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Freeman reported on the expendable allowance for the month of March 2009. The beginning balance as of March was \$24,092.29; flex spending expenditures were \$0; monthly allocation \$2,282.75. The carry-over for April Flex Spending Allocation is \$19,558.31. Report received and filed for audit.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES, ARTICLE VII, DUTIES OF OFFICERS, C. TREASURER

Following discussion, on motion of Treasurer Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, with Commissioner Creary voting nay, motion carried, to approve revisions to the Statement of Procedures, Article VII, Duties of Officers, C. Treasurer.

DISCUSSION TO REVISE THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN'S OPERATING RULES

Following discussion, the Commission asked staff to speak to County Counsel and review Robert Rules of Order on what constitutes a commission members attendance. This item will be placed on the Commission's June 8, 2009 agenda for approval.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.)

DISCUSSION TO REVISE SECTIONS 3.64.030 B., 3.64.050 C., 3.64.080 – QUORUM, AND 3.64.120 G. OF THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN'S ORDINANCE

Discussion ensued on suggested revisions to sections 3.64.030 B, 3.64.050 C, 3.64.080 – Quorum and 3.64.120 G of the Commission for Women's Ordinance. These items will be placed on the June 8, 2009 agenda for approval as recommendations to County Counsel.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF EXPERTISE FOR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FORM

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the form and name change of the Statement of ~~Expertise~~ *Qualifications* for Appointments to Boards and Commissions Form.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE GUEST PRESENTATION FORM

Following discussion, on motion of Vice President Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the Guest Presentation

Form. Treasurer Freeman reminded staff to add the revision date and document location on the bottom of the form.

ENDORSE THE NATIONAL VIGIL FOR HOPE ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009 AND BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER AND COMMUNITY MEDIA PARTNER AT NO COST TO THE COMMISSION

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Vice President Tanberg, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to endorse the National Vigil for Hope and become a Community Partner and Community Media Partner at no cost to the Commission. The Communications Committee will work on the media placement on the Commission's website.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO TICKETS TO THE JENESSE CENTER'S SILVER ROSE AWARDS ON APRIL 19, 2009 AT THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Vice President Tanberg, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of up to two tickets to the Jenesse Center's Silver Rose Awards on April 19, 2009 at the Beverly Hills Hotel in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE *IT SHOULDN'T HURT TO GO HOME* HANDBOOK

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Domestic Violence Council Executive Board is reviewing the Domestic Violence handbook to make the language gender neutral and add more websites to the resource section. Following discussion, the Commissions suggestions will be taken back to the Domestic Violence Council for consideration. The revisions to the *It Shouldn't Hurt To Go Home* handbook will be placed on the June 8, 2009 agenda for approval.

UPDATE ON 5TH DISTRICT TOWN HALL ON MAY 9, 2009

Treasurer Freeman reported that the Fifth District Community Meeting, A Town Hall Gathering – "Get Involved" will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Mental Health America of Los Angeles, 506 West Jackman Street, Lancaster, CA 93534.

The Honorable Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor Fifth District and Lee Baca, Sheriff are invited to give keynote remarks, Women of Purpose will open the town hall with a patriotic medley and the panelist will include: Peg Lee speaking on the Healthy Body; Carol Crabson on Domestic Violence Issues; Judy Cooperberg on Healthy Mind; Sandra Reed on Healthy Community; Pat Tanner on Healthy Families; Leslye Mack on

Financial Empowerment and Dixie Eliopulos on A Commitment to the Community. Lunch will be catered by Camille's Sidewalk Café and the Commissioners will provide the closing remarks.

For more information you can visit the Commission's website: www.LACCW.info or call (213) 974-1455 or Peggy Freeman, Community Meeting Chair at (661) 944-9142.

President Duba thanked Treasurer Freeman for her hard work and planning for this event for the community of the Fifth District.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PANEL DISCUSSION REPORT

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that Commission's Breakfast Dialogue with the Board Deputies and domestic violence shelter and service provider representatives is scheduled on Thursday, April 23, 2009 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in Room 380 of the Hall of Administration. Commissioner Rodriguez encouraged all Commissioners to attend.

President Duba, Vice President Tanberg, Treasurer Freeman and Commissioners Becerra-Jones, Lesser and Rodriguez will attend. Staff will follow-up with the district offices and shelters to confirm attendance.

2009 AWARDS LUNCHEON AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gravely thanked everyone for their support during the planning of the luncheon. She also reviewed the Preliminary Budget report from the luncheon and the recommendations for the 2010 Awards Luncheon Ad-Hoc Committee

(reports are on file in the Commission office). The final report will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee: Treasurer Freeman reported that the Communications Committee met on April 1, 2009 and discussed the Guest Speaker Form, Statement of Expertise, Fifth District Town Hall and the Communications Year-end Report. Community members Dee Govednik and Margot Winchester actively participated.

Legislative Committee: No Report Given

Health Committee: Commissioner Lesser reported that the Health Committee met by teleconference on March 18, 2009. Committee member Antonia Routt reported on her involvement with prevention with older adults, Claudia Keller reported the upcoming events of the American Heart Association in May. The Committee has begun to prepare a health related domestic violence bookmark.

Commissioner Creary met with Claudia Keller and Antonia Routt to discussed plans for Stroke Month in May. Due to the lack of funding the conference for Stroke Month will not take place, however material will be distributed in the community. Lastly, staff ordered for Commissioners *A Lifetime of Good Health; Your Guide to Staying Healthy* provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health. This guide can also be obtained through www.womenshealth.gov or by calling 1-800-994-9662.

Domestic Violence Committee: No Report Given

Education Committee: Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that the Education Committee will meet to finalize their survey. On Saturday, June 20, 2009, the Committee and the 2008 Nursing Scholarship recipients will meet with the Dean of the County School of Nursing and their nursing mentors. They will also learn of additional nursing opportunities available. She requested that discussion of the report to the Board of Supervisors on Edith Isabel Rodriguez be placed on the next agenda.

Older Women's Issues Committee: No Report Given

Other: Commissioner Lesser report that the 2007-2008 Status Report is ready for print. Staff is working with graphic arts on the design. The report should be available within a month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Geneviève Clavreul commented on District Attorney Steve Cooley investigation of illegal meetings. She also shared several news articles with the Commission.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez attended the Jewels of Glendale 2009 Awards Banquet on March 26, 2009. She would like to place the purchase of tickets to Center for Pacific Asian Families Annual event on the next agenda.

On April 6, 2009, Commissioner Lesser attended the Distinguished Speakers Series featuring President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, Africa's first female leader as President of Liberia.

Commissioner Creary shared by calling 1-888-436-8427 you can reach your US Congressional Representative. Also she attended the following:

- On March 10th meeting with K. Mathis regarding Women's Commission and National Vigil for Hope 2009.

- Los Angeles County Commission for Women Awards Luncheon on March 16, 2009 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.
- National Health Care Colloquium on Health Disparities, 10th Anniversary, Arlington, VA on March 20-24, 2009.
- International Global Health Gala honoring the William Jefferson Clinton Foundation on March 24, 2009 in Washington, DC.
- On March 27-29, 2009, she attended the Region VI Medical Conference on Health Disparities in Oakland, CA.
- Susan G. Komen Circle of Promise Dinner honoring Xernona Clayton at the Hyatt Regency, Century City on April 1, 2009.
- Planning meeting for African American initiatives with Claudia Keller, American Heart Association on April 6, 2009.
- On April 10, 2009, Women for Wellness Breakfast meeting at the Lucy Florence Center.
- April 11, 2009, she attended the 3rd Annual Tools for Transformation Conference, Junior Blind of America Luncheon.
- First AME Health Fair and US Stimulus Conference with Congresswoman Diane Watson and CA Speaker, Karen Bass.

On March 20, 2009, Treasurer Freeman met with Judy Cooperberg, Director of Mental Health America of Los Angeles and February 26, 2009, she met with Dixie Eliopulos regarding the planning of the Fifth District Town Hall meeting.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA (to be presented and placed on a future agenda):

None presented.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:17p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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Peggy Freeman, Treasurer
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Olivia Rodríguez
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EXCUSED

Ruth Jernigan
Janet Mummey, Esq.

UNEXCUSED

Karin Davalos
Michelle Pinedo

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Rhonda Rangel, Twila Kerr and Nyla Jefferson Executive Office

GUESTS

Geneviève Clavreul